

BILL NO. 97-18

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 97-18

Introduced by: Council President Parrott at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 97-5 Date February 11, 1997

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 202, Plumbing, of the Harford County Code as amended, to provide for the adoption of the 1993 National Standard Plumbing Code, with 1994 Supplement, with certain amendments thereto, to stand in lieu of the 1990 Maryland State Plumbing Code; and generally relating to plumbing regulations in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, February 11, 1997

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 11, 1997

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 11, 1997, and concluded on March 11, 1997

James D. Vannoy, Acting Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted that Chapter 202, Plumbing, of the Harford County Code, as amended,
2 be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted and all to read as follows:

3 Chapter 202. Plumbing

4 § 202-1. Adoption of standards.

5 A. The [Maryland State] NATIONAL STANDARD Plumbing Code, [1990] 1993,
6 WITH 1994 SUPPLEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the Plumbing Code), [as published by the
7 State Board of Plumbing in the Code of Maryland Regulations Title 09, Subtitle 20,] is hereby
8 adopted and, by reference thereto, is made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect
9 as though set out in full herein, except for such changes, amendments and revisions as are
10 specified in this chapter. At least two (2) copies of Plumbing Code and supplements thereto are
11 on file and open for public use, examination and inspection in the office of the Director of
12 Administration.

13 B. The National Fuel Gas Code, N.F.P.A. 54 (A.N.S.I. Z-[233.1]223.1), 1992
14 Edition, as published by American Gas Association[,] and National Fire Protection Association,
15 is hereby adopted and, by reference thereto, is made a part of this chapter with the same force and
16 effect as though set out in full herein, save and except for such changes, amendments and
17 revisions as are specified in this chapter. At least two (2) copies of the standards and supplements
18 thereto are on file and open for public use, examination and inspection in the office of the Director
19 of Administration.

20 § 202-2. Purpose.

21 The purpose of this chapter is to provide practical plumbing and gas fitting regulations to
22 safeguard persons and gas fitting conditions in Harford County.

§ 202-3. Scope and applicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to and govern plumbing and gas fitting regulations to safeguard persons and gas fitting conditions in Harford County.

§ 202-4. Modifications.

The following sections are changes or additions to certain sections of the Plumbing Code:

[A. Subsection 09.20.01.01 (23) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

"Installation of gas appliances and gas piping. All installations of gas appliances and gas piping shall conform to the requirements contained in the code promulgated by the National Standard Institute (A.N.S.I.), National Fuel Gas Code Z 223.1, 1988 Edition which is incorporated by reference."]

[B]A. [A new Subsection 09.20.02.01 (124) (B) (III) is added as follows:] THE DEFINITION OF "PLUMBING" IN SUBSECTION 1.2 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"PLUMBING: THE PRACTICE, MATERIALS AND FIXTURES USED IN THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, EXTENSION, ALTERATION AND REMOVAL OF ALL PIPING, PLUMBING FIXTURES, PLUMBING APPLIANCES, AND PLUMBING APPURTENANCES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: SANITARY DRAINAGE, STORM FACILITIES, VENTING SYSTEMS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO ANY BUILDING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE; ALSO THE PRACTICE AND MATERIALS USED IN THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, EXTENSION, ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF STORM WATER, REFRIGERATION AND AIR

1 CONDITIONING DRAINAGE, LIQUID WASTE OR SEWAGE, AND WATER
2 SUPPLY, OF ANY PREMISES TO THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE WATER
3 SUPPLY SYSTEM OR TO AN ACCEPTABLE DISPOSAL FACILITY. ["] 'Plumbing'
4 ALSO means the practice and materials in the installation, repair, service and replacement
5 of gas piping, gas utilization equipment, and associated accessories.["]

6 EXCEPT FOR THE INITIAL CONNECTION TO A POTABLE WATER
7 SUPPLY DOWNSTREAM OF THE BACKFLOW PREVENTER AND THE FINAL
8 CONNECTION THAT DISCHARGES INDIRECTLY INTO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
9 DISPOSAL SYSTEM, THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE
10 DEFINITION: ALL PIPING, EQUIPMENT OR MATERIAL USED EXCLUSIVELY
11 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, FOR INCORPORATION OF LIQUIDS OR
12 GASES INTO ANY PRODUCT OR PROCESS FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURING
13 OR STORAGE OF ANY PRODUCT, INCLUDING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, OR
14 FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF
15 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS INSTALLED FOR FIRE PROTECTION ONLY
16 OR THEIR RELATED APPURTENANCES OR STANDPIPES CONNECTED TO
17 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OR OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND FIRE
18 LINES BEGINNING AT A POINT WHERE WATER IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR
19 FIRE PROTECTION.”

20 [C]B. [A new Subsection 09.20.02.01 is added as follows:] THE DEFINITION OF
21 “PLUMBING BOARD” IS ADDED TO SUBSECTION 1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

22 " 'Plumbing Board' means the Harford County Plumbing Board as found in Chapter 16 Section

16-7 of the Harford County Code."

[D]C. A new [Section .09.20.03.27] SUBSECTION 7.2.7, ENTITLED "FAUCET INSTALLATIONS," is added as follows:

"Fiberglass or plastic tub and shower enclosures cannot be installed with faucets back-to-back unless approved by the administrative authority."

[E. A new Section .09.20.03.28 is added as follows:

"A stop work order may be placed at a location at the discretion of the chief plumbing inspector due to actions in violation of this Code."]

[F]D. [A new Section .09.20.03.29 is added as follows:] SUBSECTION 2.16(E) IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"Water lines shall not be installed in exterior walls. Exterior walls shall be considered to be any wall not heated on both sides."

[G]E. A new [Section .09.20.03.30] SUBSECTION 10.15.8, ENTITLED "WATER PANS," is added as follows:

[A.](1) "Water heaters and clothes washing machines, when installed [in or] above finished areas, shall be installed in an approved pan and drained to AN approved point of discharge."

[B.](2) "Where required, pans shall be of approved plastic or galvanized metal, be leak proof, and have sides a minimum of [three] TWO inches high."

[H]F. A new [Section .09.20.03.31] SUBSECTION 7.29, ENTITLED "MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE," is added as follows:

"[Handicapped] P[plumbing fixtures, materials and clearances for those fixtures shall be ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES as specified in the Maryland [Building Code for the Handicapped] ACCESSIBILITY CODE, [COMAR] CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS 05.02.02, ET SEQ."

[I]G. SUBSECTION 2.16(A) IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"WATER SERVICE PIPING SHALL BE INSTALLED BELOW RECORD FROST. MINIMUM EARTH COVERAGE SHALL BE FORTY-TWO (42) INCHES."

[J]H. SUBSECTION 2.19.1 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS OF ANY BUILDING IN WHICH PLUMBING FIXTURES ARE INSTALLED SHALL BE CONNECTED TO A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OR PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM, RESPECTFULLY, IF THE PUBLIC WATER OR PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM IS WITHIN TEN (10) FEET OF ANY PROPERTY LINE OF THE PREMISES, OR OTHER REASONABLE DISTANCES AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY."

I. Subsection [09.20.07.02A (1) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof] 6.1.1 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"A grease interceptor shall be required in restaurants and other similar establishments, [(except in special cases as determined by the administrative authority)]. The minimum size of grease interceptors shall be one thousand (1,000) gallons. THE GREASE INTERCEPTOR SHALL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE

1 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY."

2 [J. Subsection 09.20.08.24A is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

3 A. "Minimum number of fixtures. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of
4 building and occupancy in the minimum number as shown in Table 7.24.1 of the 1988 Edition of
5 the National Standard Plumbing Code. Requirements for types of building occupancy not shown
6 in Table 7.24.1 will be considered by the administrative authority."

7 K. Subsection 09.20.10.01B(2) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

8 "Section B(1) also applies to commercial dishwashers and culinary sinks."

9 L. Subsection 09.20.11.06B is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

10 "Water service near sources of pollution. Potable water service pipes may not be located in,
11 under, or above cesspools, septic tank, septic tank drainage, or fields of seepage pits. A separation
12 of ten (10) feet shall be maintained between a potable water supply line and such areas mentioned
13 above. Where the water service must cross the sewer line, the lowest part of the water service,
14 within ten (10) feet each side of the crossing, shall be at least twelve (12) inches above the top of
15 the sewer line. If the water service crosses under the building sewer, it shall be enclosed in a
16 watertight sleeve to a point of ten (10) feet each side of the point of crossing."]

17 [M]J. [Subsection 09.20.11.10.

18 (1) Subsection 09.20.11.10A(1) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu
19 thereof:] A NEW SUBSECTION 10.6.6, ENTITLED "WATER SERVICE," IS ADDED AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 "Approved water service piping to the point of entrance of a building including piping to the
22 pressure reducing valve shall have a minimum pressure rating[--] OF 250 p.s.i.--], 73°F.

Acceptable materials for a water service include brass pipe, copper tube or copper pipe, cast iron water pipe, polyethylene plastic tubing, and chlorinated polyvinyl chloride service pipe. Copper tube or copper pipe when used under ground may not be less than [Type] TYPE L. All threaded ferrous pipe and fittings shall be galvanized or cement lined and when used under ground in corrosive soil or filled ground, shall be coal tar enamel coated, or the equivalent and threaded joints shall be coated and wrapped when installed."

K. [(2) Subsection 09.20.11.10B(1) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:] A NEW SUBSECTION 10.6.7, ENTITLED "DISTRIBUTION PIPE," IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"Water distribution system pipe shall be of brass pipe, copper tube or copper pipe, galvanized steel pipe, polyethylene and chlorinated polyvinyl plastic when approved for hot or cold use. Copper tube or copper pipe when used underground may not be less than type L and when used above ground may not be less than type M."

[M.1]L. A new Subsection [09.20.11.10F] 10.6.8, ENTITLED "WATER METERS," is added as follows:

"Each dwelling unit in a carriage court dwelling, as defined in § 267-4 of [this] THE HARFORD COUNTY Code, must have a private individual water meter."

[N]M. Subsection [09.20.11.14H is] 10.14.6 AND FIGURES 10.14.6A AND 10.14.6B ARE deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

"Excessive pressures.

1. On all public water supply systems an approved pressure reducing valve shall be installed in the building water service near its point of entrance to the building. Pressure

1 to the building water distribution system shall be limited to a maximum pressure of 70 p.s.i.

2 2. On all public water supply systems, the water distribution system shall be
3 relieved of pressure from thermal expansion by one of the following methods:

4 A. Air chambers when equipped with an accessible means for restoring
5 the air.

6 B. Approved mechanical devices.

7 [Exception:] Pressure at any fixtures shall be limited to no more than 70 p.s.i. under no-flow
8 conditions. EXCEPTION: [w]Where the water service pipe supplies water directly to:

- 9 1) A water pressure booster system;
10 2) An elevated water gravity tank; or
11 3) Pumps provided in connection with a hydropneumatic or
12 elevated gravity water supply tank system."

13 [O. Subsection 09.20.12.02A (3) is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
14 "In trench with water service. If the building sewer is installed in the same trench as the water
15 service, the sewer pipe material shall be of durable, corrosion resistant materials as designated
16 in Table 09.20.04.01 of the Code, and installed so as to remain water tight and root proof."

17 P. Subsection 09.20.18.04B is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
18 "All pipe and fittings shall withstand the pressure requirement imposed by combined static and
19 pressure-head or a minimum rated working pressure of 160 p.s.i. at 73° F or both."

20 Q. Section 09.20.20.01 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
21 "The requirements contained in the National Fuel Gas Code N.F.P.A.-54-Z233.1 1992 Edition,
22 which has been previously incorporated by reference under basic principle (23), are hereby

1 adopted as the installation of gas appliances and gas piping requirements."]

2 § 202-5. Certification.

3 A. All persons performing plumbing and/or gas fitting services in Harford County,
4 shall be registered with the Division of Plumbing Services, and shall have a current certificate of
5 registration.

6 B. To obtain a certificate of registration, the applicant shall have been qualified and
7 approved by one of the following:

8 (1) The Maryland State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing; or

9 (2) The Baltimore County or the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

10 C. Master plumber/gas fitters certificate. Any applicant who applies for a master
11 certificate to perform the practice of plumbing or gas fitting in Harford County shall provide the
12 Plumbing Services Division with the following information:

13 (1) Current license number issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing
14 or other accepted jurisdiction;

15 (2) Current business address with phone number; and

16 (3) A current certificate of insurance equal to or greater than such amount as
17 required by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing.

18 D. Journeyperson certificate. Any journeyperson performing the practice of plumbing
19 or gas fitting in Harford County shall be registered with the Division of Plumbing Services. To
20 receive a certificate of registration such person shall provide the Plumbing Services Division with
21 the following information:

22 (1) Current license number issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing

1 or other accepted jurisdiction; and

2 (2) Name of current employer with employer's address and phone number.

3 E. Apprentice certificate. Any apprentice providing assistance to any registered
4 master plumber or gas fitter providing service in Harford County shall be registered with the
5 MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING OR OTHER ACCEPTED JURISDICTION.

6 [Division of Plumbing Services. To receive a certificate of registration the applicant shall provide
7 the Plumbing Services Division with the following information:

8 (1) Current license number issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing
9 or other accepted jurisdiction; and

10 (2) Name of current employer with employer's address and phone number.]

11 F. Liqu[i]Efied petroleum gas installation license. A liqu[i]Efied petroleum gas
12 installer's license shall be issued upon successful completion of a test administered and graded by
13 the Harford County Plumbing Board.

14 G. Well pump/water conditioner installer's certificate. Any person making well
15 pump/water conditioner installations in Harford County shall register with the Division of
16 Plumbing Services. To receive a certificate of registration the applicant shall provide the
17 following information:

18 (1) Current Maryland [s]State well pump/water conditioner installers license;

19 (2) Current place of business with phone number; and

20 (3) A current certificate of insurance equal to or greater than such amount as
21 required by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing.

22 H. Master limited plumber's certificate. A master limited plumber's certificate may

1 be issued to a corporation, firm or company not primarily engaged in the plumbing business which
2 desires to do plumbing work limited to maintenance, TESTING and repair[, alterations and minor
3 extension of existing plumbing systems on the premises occupied by it] in connection with its
4 primary business. Such license shall specify the name of the representative or representatives
5 employed by the corporation, company or firm under whose direction such plumbing work shall
6 be performed and who shall be qualified by an examination by the Maryland State Plumbing
7 Board.

8 I. Journeyperson limited plumber's certificate. This certificate may be issued to any
9 limited journeyperson working under the direction of a person who has a current master limited
10 plumber's certificate.

11 J. Practice of plumbing and gas fitting. No person shall engage in plumbing or gas
12 fitting as defined in this chapter in Harford County, unless that person has been duly authorized
13 to do so by the issuance of one of the foregoing certificates.

14 K. Fees for certificate of registration and exams. Fees shall be as set forth in Chapter
15 157 of the Harford County Code.

16 L. All such certificates shall be renewed each year by payment of renewal fee equal
17 to the original charge set forth herein prior to the first day of May. Such certificates shall be
18 issued for one year beginning May 1st, and expiring April 30 in the succeeding year.

19 M. The administrative authority may, in its discretion, suspend or revoke the certificate
20 of any person who makes any false or misleading statement in an application, or who sells, lends
21 or otherwise permits any improper use of a certificate or who obtains permits for others to do
22 plumbing or gas fitting work, [or] who fails to maintain a regular place of business, OR WHO

1 COMMITTS ANY VIOLATION OF THE HARFORD COUNTY PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING
2 CODE.

3 N. Upon receipt of written requests directed to the administrative authority, the
4 administrative authority, in its discretion, may suspend or revoke the certificate of any person who
5 commits any violation of the Harford County Plumbing and Gas Fitting Code or any other law
6 or regulation governing the conduct of the plumbing and gas fitting business.

7 (1) No certificate shall be suspended or revoked except after public hearing
8 before the administrative authority of which the certificate holder shall receive at least five days
9 notice in writing, together with a statement of the charges. Upon such hearing, the administrative
10 authority may suspend any certificate for such a period of time as it may find proper, or may
11 revoke same.

12 (2) In the event of a revocation, no application for the reinstatement of a
13 revoked certificate shall be entertained until the expiration of six months from the date of such
14 revocation. At the end of such six month period, the administrative authority may, in its
15 discretion, reinstate a revoked certificate.

16 O. Any certificate holder shall notify the administrative authority immediately of any
17 changes [of] IN location of business, employer, or phone number.

18 § 202-6. Permits.

19 A. No work authorized under this title, unless excepted in this chapter, shall be
20 undertaken without a permit therefore issued by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and
21 Permits. Only master plumbers/gas fitters, master gas fitters, and well pump/water conditioner
22 installers shall be eligible to receive permits and then only to the extent that they are authorized

1 to do work under this Code.

2 [B. This section shall not apply to work done by the holder of a master limited
3 plumber/gas fitter certificate on the premises of such holder provided that an annual inspection
4 permit has been obtained. No work shall be commenced by the holder of a master limited
5 plumber/gas fitter's certificate prior to the issuance of an annual inspection permit from the
6 Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.]

7 [C]B. A plumbing permit required by the administrative authority may be issued to a
8 bonafide owner of a single family dwelling occupied exclusively by the owner to do any plumbing
9 work regulated by this Code on the dwelling, on condition that such work is done in compliance
10 with this Code. The owner must be qualified by the administrative authority before a permit may
11 be issued.

12 [D]C. Permits not required:

13 (1) General repairs. No permit shall be required for the replacement of faucets,
14 ball cocks, exposed fixture traps, or shut-off valves.

15 (2) Stoppages and leaks. No permit shall be required for the clearing of
16 stoppages or repairing of leaks, when such repairs do not require the replacement of plumbing
17 fixtures or any portion of the drainage system.

18 [E]D. Permit fees. The schedule of fees for the issuance of permits for plumbing and gas
19 fitting work shall be as designated in Chapter 157 of the Harford County Code, as amended.

20 [F]E. [Transfer of permits.] CHANGE OF MASTER PLUMBER/GAS FITTER.

21 (1) A permit may be [transferred from] CANCELED BY one master
22 plumber/gas fitter AND A NEW PERMIT ISSUED to another [certified] master plumber/gas

fitter [with the permission] UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST of the owner of the property or the owner's agent. There shall be a seven (7) WORKING day waiting period before issuing a new permit. The seven (7) WORKING day waiting period begins when the Division of Plumbing Services receives such request from the owner or owner's agent. During this time the original plumber/gas fitter will be notified [in writing] by the administrative authority that the owner or owner's agent has submitted such request to the Division of Plumbing Services.

(2) After seven (7) WORKING days, a new permit may be issued. At this time, the new master plumber/gas fitter shall sign an agreement assuming responsibility for the entire plumbing/gas fitting job. The fee for the new permit will be [based on the amount of work remaining to be completed] THE SAME COST AS THE ORIGINAL PERMIT. THE WAITING PERIOD MAY BE WAIVED UPON THE AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES.

[G. Revocation of permits. The Division of Plumbing Services, upon the recommendation of the administrative authority may, at any time, revoke for good cause any plumbing or gas permit previously issued. The owner of a property may, at any time, in writing, request the revocation of a permit previously issued for work to be performed on such property.]

§ 202-7. Plans and specifications.

All plans and specifications required herein shall be designed by a registered professional engineer licensed to do business in the State of Maryland except that a master plumber/gas fitter or master gas fitter registered to do business in Harford County may design plumbing or gas fitting systems for their own installation. Each set of plans and specifications submitted shall have thereon the name and address of the designer, and certification by the designer that the plans and specification have been prepared in accordance with this chapter. The plans and specifications

1 shall be submitted to the administrative authority and shall have thereon complete design and
2 calculation criteria.

3 § 202-8. Private water systems.

4 No property served by a private water system shall be directly or indirectly connected to
5 any public water supply until it is disconnected from its original source of supply, inspected and
6 approved by the administrative authority, and connected in accordance with the provisions of the
7 Code.

8 § 202-9. Inspection of plumbing and gas fitting.

9 A. The Division of Plumbing Services shall cause the inspection of all plumbing and
10 gas fitting for which a plumbing or gas permit, other than an annual inspection permit, is required
11 in Harford County during the course of construction and upon completion of the construction.
12 If any defects are found, the administrative authority shall have the authority to order such
13 plumbing or gas fitting to be corrected to comply with the provisions of this Code. It shall be
14 unlawful for any person to cover or enclose from view any portions of such plumbing or gas
15 fitting prior to the time that the Division of Plumbing Services has inspected and approved it. The
16 Division of Plumbing Services shall prepare a written report of all such inspections and will
17 maintain such report in an appropriate file.

18 B. No potable well water service line or well for potable water supply shall be covered
19 or enclosed from view prior to inspection by the Division of Plumbing Services. The service line
20 and all underground fittings connected thereto shall be tested for leaks and overall integrity prior
21 to covering and enclosing the line.

22 § 202-10. Emergency work.

1 When work of an emergency nature must be performed to rectify a possible health hazard
2 or dangerous condition, the master plumber/[]gas fitter, master gas fitter, or water pump
3 contractor, as the case may be, may undertake such work prior to the issuance of a permit, but
4 it will be his or her responsibility to notify the administrative authority of the emergency and
5 obtain a permit for doing such work within [forty-eight (48) hours] TWO (2) WORKING DAYS.

6 § 202-11. Piping through adjacent property.

7 Sewer, water and gas piping shall not be connected or installed on a property other than
8 the property to be served. Plumbing or gas piping connections which cannot be made except by
9 the crossing of non-serviced property, may, with the permission of the administrative authority,
10 be carried through a right-of-way or easement across non-serviced property provided that:

11 A. All privileges of such right-of-way or easement are obtained by the property owner
12 desiring service, without any cost or liability to Harford County;

13 B. Such easement of right-of-way shall meet all regulatory requirements of the
14 authority having jurisdiction; and

15 C. Such easement or right-of-way shall be granted and conveyed by formal deed
16 recorded in the land records of Harford County.

17 § 202-12. Water conservation.

18 A. Plumbing shall be designed and adjusted to use the minimum quantity of water
19 consistent with proper performance and cleaning and in conformity with the water conservation
20 requirements established in the Maryland State Plumbing Code.

21 B. Executive authority. The [c]County [e]Executive may institute measures consistent
22 with councilmanic policy and adopt plans to increase the water supply of the [c]County and

1 decrease consumption such as, but not limited to, requiring the use of fixtures as stated herein,
2 and requiring a limited use of potable water for purposes other than for human consumption and
3 use.

4 § 202-13. Violations and penalties.

5 A. Any person, firm or corporation who individually, collectively, or through others
6 shall construct, erect, alter or repair any plumbing or gas fitting work in violation of any
7 provision of this chapter shall be subject to a misdemeanor charge and upon conviction shall be
8 subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or imprisonment of not more
9 than [six (6)] THREE (3) months or both. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a
10 separate violation.

11 B. Harford County may also proceed by civil injunction in the enforcement of this
12 chapter.

13 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect sixty (60) calendar days from
14 the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 19, 1997

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for
distribution to the public and the press.*

James D. Varnum

Acting Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 97-18(Brief Title) Plumbing Code

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy
Acting Council Administrator

James S. Carroll
President of the Council

Date March 11, 1997Date March 11, 1997

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 97-8 (March 11, 1997)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Vannoy
Acting Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 13th day of March, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Julius M. Rehman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date March 18, 1997

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 97-18), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on March 18, 1997.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Council Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 1997